QUESTIONNAIRE

Section I:
Socio-personal information of respondents

1. Name of the respondent
2. Name of the Mohalla
3. Age: Below 24
   25 - 30
   31 - 35
   36 - 40
   41 - 45
   45 & above
4. Caste: Syed
   Shiekh
   Pathan
   Ansari
   Dhunia
   Others
   No caste system in Islam
5. Education: Secondary
   Graduate
   Post-Graduate
   Technical and Professional
6. Occupation: Student
   Housewife
   Working Women
7. Monthly Income: (in Rs.) 500 - 1000
   1100 - 1500
   1600 - 2000
   2100 - 2500
   2600 - 3000
   3100 - 3500
   3500 & above
8. Marital Status: Married
   Unmarried
   Divorced
   Widow
9. Age of Marriage: Below 18
   18 - 20
   21 - 25
   26 - 30
   30 & above
10. Number of Children: 1 - 3  
   4 - 7  
   7 & above

11. Original settlers

12. New settlers

13. Structure of Parental family: Nuclear  
   Joint  
   Extended

14. Structure of self-family: Nuclear  
   Joint  
   Extended

Section II:

Social background of the family

15. Education of father:  
   i. No formal education  
   ii. Religious education  
   iii. Primary  
   iv. Secondary  
      Graduate  
      Post-Graduate  
      Technical & Professional

16. Education of mother:  
   No formal education  
   Religious education  
   Primary  
   Secondary  
   Graduate  
   Post-Graduate  
   Technical & Professional

17. Education of Husband:  
   No formal education  
   Religious education  
   Primary  
   Secondary  
   Graduate  
   Post-Graduate  
   Technical & Professional

18. Occupation of father:  
   Cultivation  
   Business  
   Government  
   Teaching  
   Clerical  
   Doctor, Engineer, Advocate  
   Maulvis
19. Occupation of mother: Housewife
   Teaching
   Government

20. Occupation of Husband: Same as given in Sr.No.18.

21. Income of father: (in Rs.)
   500 - 1000
   1100 - 1500
   1600 - 2000
   2100 - 2500
   2600 - 3000
   3100 - 3500
   3500 & above

22. Income of Husband: (in Rs.)
   500 - 1000
   1100 - 1500
   1600 - 2000
   2100 - 2500
   2600 - 3000
   3100 - 3500
   3500 & above

Section III:

Educational achievement

23. Age of admission in school:
   Below 5 years
   6 - 7 years
   7 & above

24. Who took the initiative to send you school:
   Father
   Mother
   Brother
   Yourself

25. Aim of receiving education:
   To acquire knowledge
   To take up job/to be self-dependent
   To improve position in the family
   No response

26. Upto which level want to pursue education:
   Graduate
   Post-Graduate
   Till marriage
   As long as bright in study

27. Do you think that there should be separate school/college for girls and boys? Yes/No

27. Please explain.
28. Do you think that higher education gives women better position in society?

   Yes
   No
   No response

28.1 Please explain.

29. Do you agree that education helps in increasing girl's value in marriage market?

   Yes
   No
   Do not know

29.1 Please explain.

Section IV:

Views on Women's Employment

30. Do you agree that it is good for an educated girl if she is employed? Yes/No

   Please explain.

30.1 If yes, in which type of job? 1.

   2.
   3.
   4.

31. Do you agree that it is the duty of men alone to work and support the family? Yes/No

   Please give reasons -

32. In case unemployed, would you like to take up job? Yes/No

   If yes, type of job -

33. In case employed why have to take up job?

   1. Extreme economic pressure
   2. To supplement family income
   3. To improve social status
   4. To make use of qualification
   5. Any other

34. In case employed, what is your husband's attitude towards your employment?

   Support/Resent/No response
35. Do you think that economic independence gives women higher status? Yes/No
   Please explain.

36. Do you think that a woman's place is at home? Yes/No
   Please explain.

37. Do you agree that after marriage a girl should stop working, if she is employed?
   Yes/No/Undecided

Section V:

Views on Institution of Marriage & Family

38. What is your opinion about early marriage?
   Desirable/Undesirable

39. Do you think that a girl should marry after the age of 16 years? Yes/No
   Please give reasons:

40. In case married, age at which got married?
   ____ years
   In case married, was your marriage arranged/love?
   If arranged, were you consulted? Yes/No
   Please give reasons:
   In case arranged, what were the criteria for selection of mate?
   Wealth/occupation/knandan/education/others

41. Do you agree that marrying with a kin is useful?
   Agree/disagree
   Please give reasons:

42. In case unmarried, which type of marriage would you prefer?
   Arranged by parents only
   Arranged by parents with your consent
   Love marriage with parents' consent
   Love marriage without parents' consent
43. What is your opinion about polygamy?
   Desirable/undesirable/should be banned
   Please explain.

44. Do you prefer inter-caste or inter-religious marriage?
   Yes/No. Please explain.

45. What is your opinion about dowry?
   a boon/an evil/desirable/undesirable/should be banned

46. Do you agree that a woman should receive Mehr immediately/within stipulated time of Nikah? Yes/No
   Please give reasons:

47. Do you agree that the unilateral divorce system should be changed?
   Yes/No/undecided

48. Are you in favour of remarriage of a divorced/widow?
   Yes/No
   Please give reasons:

49. Do you know how to get divorce? Yes/No
   If yes, which of the following is helpful
   court/family & kins/family and community/court and community/do not know

50. Which type of family would you like to live in?
   Nuclear/Joint
   Give reasons:

51. Are boys and girls in your family treated equally in the following?
   1. In educating them; 2. Choice of career; 3. Choice of partner

52. Do you think that men have the sole authority in all family matters? Yes/No
   Give reasons:
53. Do you agree that family responsibility should be shared by both men and women? Agree/Disagree

Please give reasons:

54. Do you agree that women's place is at home? Agree/Disagree

Please explain.

55. Do you observe Purdah? Yes/No

If yes, why

religious binding/family custom/due to surrounding/compulsion of parents/provide security & protection to women.

56. Are you in favour of limiting family size? Yes/No

Please give reasons:

57. Do you agree that one should have any consideration of daughters or sons in limiting one's family?

Agree/disagree/undecided

Please give reasons:

58. Are you aware of the different methods of family planning?

Yes/No/N.A.

If yes, do you use them? Yes/No

Section VI:

Views of women on Politics

59. Do you approve of women's taking part in politics?

Approve/disapprove

Please give reasons:

60. Are you actively involved in politics? More involved/less involved/not at all involved

61. Do you cast your vote in election? Yes/No

If yes: voluntarily/out of pursuasion
62. Are you aware of the ideology of different political parties? Yes/No
   If yes, name some of them.

63. Name the political party which you like most?
   Please give reasons for your liking.

64. Do you think that the Muslim women in India are affected by the minority complex? Yes/No/Do not know
   If yes, please comment:

65. Does the feeling of minority complex check the Muslim women to adopt changes required under the present situation? Yes/No/Do not know

66. Do you find any kind of discrimination practised against you on account of your minority in your organization or any public gatherings? Yes/No
   Please explain:

67. Do you read Newspaper? Yes/No
   If yes, regularly/often/rarely
   If yes, why, as a habit/get knowledge about current events/to pass time/to get knowledge about women

68. Do you read magazines? Yes/No
   If yes, what do you generally read from these?

69. Do you listen to radio programme? Yes/No
   If yes, regularly/very often/occasionally

70. Do you watch T.V. programme? Yes/No

71. Are you a member of any social/cultural organization? Yes/No

Section VII:

Views on women's right and role of religious elites

72. Do you know the share of Muslim women in her parental property? Yes/No
   If yes, please specify.
73. Do you know how to get the family inheritance? Yes/No
   If yes, through which of the following? Court/family &
   kins/court and community
74. Are you aware about the best way of divorce approved by
   Islam? Yes/No
75. Do women have also a right in Islam to take divorce? Yes/No
76. Are you aware about the Muslim Marriage Dissolution Act
   1939? Yes/No
77. Are you aware about the rules of polygamy? Yes/No
78. Are you aware about the Muslim Personal Law? Yes/No
79. Do they want any change or modification in personal Law?
   Yes/No
80. What is the rule of the payment of Mehr?
   Immediately after Nikah/within stipulated time/
   during the life time of wife/do not know
81. Do you know that from Islamic point of view the consent
   of a girl is necessary before the settlement of marriage?
   Yes/No
82. Do you know that acquiring knowledge is must for both
   males and females in Islam? Yes/No
83. Are you aware of some rights given to women in Indian
   Constitution? Yes/No
   If yes, specify.
84. Do you agree that the status of women given in Islam
   has been deviated from its basic principle? Yes/No
   If yes, in what ways:
85. Do you think that the so-called Maulanas have misinter-
   preted the Quranic laws regarding the status of women?
   Yes/No
   Please explain:
86. Do you agree that the ulamas would be helpful in improving the status of women in the present time?

Yes/No

Please explain.

87. Mention the name of some social and religious organization of present.

Also mention their roles for improving women's status.